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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	Small Entity Fee (\$)	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	Small Entity Fee (\$)	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	Small Entity Fee (\$)	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PRODUCING METALS AND ALLOYS
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